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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: AMOCO DRILLING GULF OF SUEZ

REF: DEPT. S-225486

1. I MET WITH RABIN AT 1500 TODAY IN TEL AVIV AND CONVEYED THE POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL.

2. ISRAELI TEAM WILL ARRIVE WASHINGTON WEDNESDAY, PREPARED TO BEGIN TALKS ON THURSDAY. EVRON WILL HEAD TEAM AND RABIN'S OFFICE WILL IDENTIFY SOONEST TO EMBASSY OTHER MEMBER OR MEMBERS OF TEAM.

3. RABIN CONFIRMED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO HARASSMENT OR INTERFERENCE WITH AMOCO OPERATIONS AT EXISTING SITES, BUT HE COULD NOT BE SURE ON THE BASIS OF AVAILABLE INFORMATION THAT THIS WOULD EXTEND TO REPLACEMENT OF MARKER BOUYS WHICH HAD BEEN DESTROYED BY ISRAELI GUNFIRE. RABIN AGREED TO MY SUGGESTION THAT SINCE NEITHER ONE OF US SEEMED SURE OF HIS FACTS, PARTICULARLY PRECISE LOCATIONS OF "EXISTING INSTALLATIONS", THAT OUR ATTACHE, ARMED WITH COORDINATES SUPPLIED BY CAIRO, SHOULD MEET LATER THIS AFTERNOON WITH IDF EXPERTS IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY PRECISELY WHAT IS COVERED BY PLEDGE AGAINST FURTHER HARASSMENT.

4. UNTIL WE REACH AGREEMENT ON PRECISELY WHAT AMOCO

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OPERATIONS WILL BE TOLERATED BY ISRAELIS, I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT

AMOCO VESSELS CONFINE THEIR ACTIVITIES TO AREA WEST OF MEDIAN LINE. HOPEFULLY WE WILL REACH SUCH UNDERSTANDING BEFORE DAY IS OUT BUT IT IS ENTIRELY POSSIBLE THAT COMPLETE CLARITY WILL HAVE TO AWAIT CONVENING WASHINGTON TALKS.

5. FULL REPORT OF MY TALK WITH RABIN FOLLOWS.
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